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Subject: Fifth Year of Study and Advanced Study Course Work for SB 2042 Multiple Subject and Single Subject Professional Clear Teaching Credential

Education Code Section 44259(c) establishes minimum requirements for the professional clear multiple or single subject teaching credential. By law, the requirements include possession of a valid preliminary teaching credential, completion of an approved fifth year program at a regionally accredited institution, and, subject to the availability of funds in the annual Budget Act, completion of a program of beginning teacher induction (Coded Correspondence 03-0017, May 6, 2003). The law specifically waives the fifth year program requirement for candidates who complete an approved induction program.

Professional preparation programs for the professional clear credential (either induction programs or fifth year of study programs) must include advanced study in health education, methods of delivering appropriate educational services to students with exceptional needs; advanced computer-based technology, and the study of teaching English learners. All Preliminary Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credentials with an issuance date of July 1, 2003 or after, based on completion of an SB 2042 teacher preparation program, must complete the advanced study course work after the issuance date of the preliminary credential (Credential Information Alert 03-05, June 19, 2003).

The attached guidelines establish standards of program quality for the advanced courses offered through fifth-year programs. Fifth Year of Study programs may be submitted to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing for approval beginning in January 2004. To allocate sufficient time to review the proposals, it is requested that Teacher Preparation Programs return the *Intent to Submit Fifth Year of Study* included in the attached submission guidelines by November 1, 2003. Enclosed are the Standards for the Advanced Study Course Work and the Submission Guidelines for the Fifth Year of Study Program for institutions wishing to offer this option to candidates.